

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Before “FIELD OF THE INVENTION” on page 1 of the application, please add the following paragraph:

This application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/060,531, filed January 30, 2002.

Please replace the two contiguous paragraphs beginning on page 6, line 9 with the following replacement paragraphs, which contain markings to show changes relative to the previous version of these paragraphs:

The basket assembly fixture 10 further comprises an elevator ~~lifting beam raising means 44~~ for alternatively raising and lowering both ends of each lifting beam 14. In the embodiment illustrated in the drawings, the elevator ~~lifting beam raising means 44~~ comprises ~~are provided by~~ hydraulic jacks 46, one disposed beneath each end of each lifting beam 14. Each jack 46 operates via holes (not shown) drilled within one of the horizontal stanchion beams 28. In one embodiment, each jack 46 operates against a slidable pin (not shown) which is vertically disposed within one of the holes in one of the horizontal stanchion beams 28.

The basket assembly fixture 10 further comprises a lifting beam lateral shifter ~~shifting means 48~~ for laterally shifting both ends of each lifting beam 14. In the embodiment illustrated in the drawings, the lifting beam lateral shifter ~~shifting means 48~~ comprises ~~are provided by~~ horizontally disposed hydraulic jacks 50 disposed within each of the ends of each of the horizontal stanchion beams 28. In the embodiment illustrated in the drawings, the horizontally disposed jacks 50 operate against push

plates 52 which slide within slots 54 disposed within the upper surface 30 of the horizontal stanchion beam 28.

Please replace the two contiguous paragraphs beginning on page 7, line 1 with the following replacement paragraphs, which contain markings to show changes relative to the previous version of these paragraphs:

The basket assembly fixture 10 further comprises transverse beam elevator ~~lifting means~~ 58 for alternatively raising and lowering both ends of the transverse beam 16. In the embodiment illustrated in the drawings, the transverse beam elevator ~~raising means~~ 58 comprises ~~are provided by~~ a pair of vertically disposed hydraulic jacks 60.

Typically, the basket assembly fixture 10 further comprises an aligner ~~alignment measuring means~~ 62 for aligning the horizontal and vertical disposition of both of the pairs of lifting beams 14 (see Figure 7). In the embodiment illustrated in the drawings, the aligner ~~alignment measuring means~~ 62 comprises a pair of tight wire assemblies 64. Each tight wire assembly 64 comprises (i) a length of wire 66 disposed above the base 12 and parallel to the longitudinal axis 36 of the base 12, and (ii) tightening means 68 for drawing the length of wire 66 taut. In the embodiment illustrated in the drawings, each tight wire assembly 64 comprises a length of wire 66 drawn taut between a pair of opposed vertical tight wire support posts 70. Each vertical tight wire support post 70 comprises a rotatable sheave 72 to minimize damage to each length of wire 66. The tightening means 68 are provided by a pair of weights 74, each disposed at one end of each length of wire 66. Each such weight 74 is capable of drawing each length of wire 66 taut such that each length of wire 66 is nearly perfectly linear. In a typical embodiment, each length of wire 66 is made from a length of 0.035 inches steel wire and the weight of each weight 74 is about 30 pounds. The height and the placement of

the vertical tight wire support posts **70** are carefully determined so that a length of wire **66** drawn between opposing sheaves **72** is nearly perfectly horizontal and nearly perfectly parallel to the longitudinal axis **36** of the base **12**.

Please replace the four contiguous paragraphs beginning on page 8, line 17 with the following replacement paragraphs, which contain markings to show changes relative to the previous version of these paragraphs:

After the lifting beams **14** are installed as illustrated in Figure 4, the lifting beams **14** are raised by the lifting beam elevator ~~raising means~~ **44** as illustrated in Figure 5. The lifting beams **14** are raised sufficiently to raise each of the basket assembly support disks **2** above the base **12** of the basket assembly fixture **10**. Because of the excessive weight of the basket assembly support disks **2**, both lifting beams **14** tend to sag slightly at their centers.

The next step is illustrated in Figure 6 wherein the sag in each of the lifting beams **14** is taken out by raising the transverse beam **16** using the transverse beam elevator ~~raising means~~ **58**.

Next, each of the support disks **2** is vertically aligned using the alignment measuring means, the lifting beam elevator ~~raising means~~ **44** and the transverse beam elevator ~~raising means~~ **58**. In embodiments wherein the vertical alignment measuring means **62** comprises a pair of tight wire assemblies **64**, the vertical alignment of each of the support disks **2** is compared to the horizontally disposed length of wire **66** (see Figure 7). To the extent that vertical adjustment is required, such adjustment can be accomplished by raising or lowering the lifting beam elevator ~~raising means~~ **44** and/or the transverse beam elevator ~~raising means~~ **58**.

Similarly, the lateral alignment of the plurality of support disks 2 is accomplished using the aligner ~~alignment-measuring means 62~~ and the lifting beam lateral shifter ~~shifting means 48~~. Where the aligner ~~lateral alignment-measuring means 62~~ is provided by a tight wire assembly 64, the lateral alignment of each support disk 2 is aligned with the length of wire 66 (again, see Figure 7). To the extent that adjustment is necessary, such adjustment can be accomplished using the lifting beam lateral shifter ~~shifting means 48~~ to shift the lifting beams 14 either to one side or to the other.